

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;
2. I believe I am the original first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

SIGN KIT

3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;
4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined by Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;
5. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

NONE

6. I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of any prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

NONE

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of the firm of GARDERE & WYNNE, L.L.P., my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to file and prosecute any international patent application filed thereon before any international authorities under the Patent Cooperation Treaty;

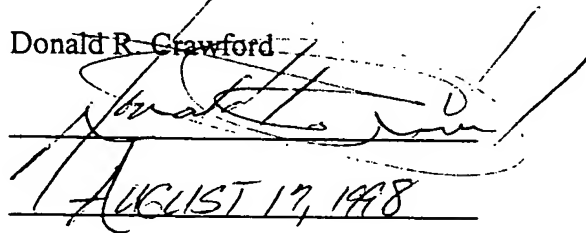
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8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and(b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled SIGN KIT described in the specification filed herewith.

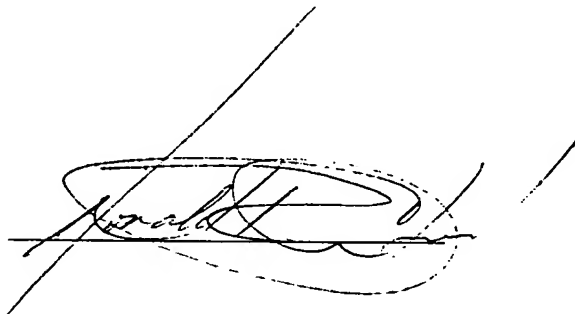
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintained fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

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Name of Inventor: Donald R. Crawford

Date: August 17, 1998 Signature

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Crawford", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "D".